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GROWTH MANIFEST IN THE CHURCH*

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

I THINK THE HYMN to which we have just listened is entitled to the place it occupies in our hymn book, namely, the first hymn—the place of honour. It was written by Apostle Parley P. Pratt:

The morning breaks, the shadows flee;
Lo! Zion's standard is unfurled!
The dawning of a brighter day
Majestic rises on the world.

The clouds of error disappear
Before the rays of truth Divine;
The glory, bursting from afar,
Wide o'er the nations soon will shine.

The Gentile fulness now comes in,
And Israel's blessings are at hand:
Lo! Judah's remnant, cleansed from sin,
Shall in their promised Canaan stand.

Jehovah speaks, let earth give ear,
And Gentile nations turn and live;
His mighty arm is making bare,
His cov'nant people to receive.

Angels from heaven and truth from earth
Have met, and both have record borne;
Thus Zion's light is bursting forth,
To cheer her children's glad return.

I earnestly desire the faith and prayers of this vast audience to

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assist me in that which I may say to you to-day. I sense the great responsibility of addressing so large an audience—for this building is filled to overflowing—and I desire that my remarks shall encourage and bless the Saints here assembled.

TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT PENROSE

Since we last convened in General Conference one of the great and faithful labourers in the Church has departed this life—the late President Charles W. Penrose. Perhaps no man in all Israel has written more in defense of this people than Charles W. Penrose and I believe that the literature from his pen has been more widely distributed than the writings of any other of our leading men. He spent nearly twenty years of his life as a missionary in his native land. As I announced at his funeral, during the last nine months that I presided over the European Missions we distributed about eight million pages of the writings of Charles W. Penrose. I have been thrilled by his discourses from this stand, from my childhood days until the time of his last public address. He was inspired in his utterances, and he had the capacity and ability to make plain the principles of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as perfectly as any of our speakers that I have ever heard. We also rejoice from time to time in listening to the inspired hymns that he has written. We mourn his loss, but we rejoice in the wonderful record of labour and service that he made in the spread of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ at home and abroad.

At one of our General Conferences some years ago we were honoured with the presence of Senator Owen from Oklahoma and Honourable William Jennings Bryan. These gentlemen remained until after the conference session, when an informal organ recital was given in their honour. Perhaps a hundred or a hundred and fifty people were present, and, following the recital requests came from different parts of the small audience that Senator Owen and Mr. Bryan make some remarks. They did so, and from the press reports of the occasion we read the following:

"Mr. Bryan said the truths he had heard expounded there that day he should endeavour to carry with him throughout his life, and he believed that through him many people might hear the truth concerning 'Mormonism', for he would endeavour to give an exposition of what he had heard in plain truth to the people with whom he associated. Mr. Bryan said he had been undecided about coming to Salt Lake. He had been asked to speak in Los Angeles, Monday, but he obeyed a whim almost and had come to Salt Lake. He did not know why, but now he said he believed it was providential. At any rate he said he had heard truths uttered that impressed him deeply, and he knows now he is better equipped to perform his work in the world for having heard 'Mormonism' expounded. Particularly was he impressed, Mr. Bryan said, with the 'Mormon' belief in the personality of God. It is a beautiful belief,

he said, and one by which the world might profit. He referred to the application of the Gospel in the lives of 'Mormon' people, and said such principles applied to the problems of the world would in very deed solve the difficulties with which the world is beset. He referred to the single standard of morality, as expounded by one of the speakers, and said that in very truth that is a principle that might well be applied to the lives of all men."

The publishing house of Revell & Company have published a book containing the last address of William Jennings Bryan, which address was prepared for the celebrated evolution case in Tennessee, but was never delivered. I have had the privilege of reading and re-reading the book. It shows that he had perfect faith in God our Heavenly Father, and in my judgment it is a very strong defense of the divinity of Christ and of the Godhood of our Father in Heaven.

TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS

I had the pleasure of visiting with Mr. Bryan, after his remarks following our conference, and he said that he was expected to deliver three speeches in California before leaving, but that he believed the world at large would get more benefit from what he had learned in our conference than the people would have received had he remained in California and delivered those three speeches. He promised to send me a little pamphlet containing his ideas about God. After reading it I remember saying to my family that William Jennings Bryan ought to be a Latter-day Saint, because many of his views were in perfect harmony with our faith. Every Latter-day Saint upon the face of the earth believes in the individuality and personality of God our Father, and of the Lord Jesus Christ. A man who does not so believe has no right to be called a Latter-day Saint. Every Latter-day Saint believes absolutely that God conversed with Joseph Smith, and introduced to him the Lord Jesus Christ as His well-beloved Son.

During the past six months I have had the privilege of visiting in California and meeting with the Saints there. I had the pleasure of being present at the official opening of Zion's National Park in Southern Utah, and of attending the General Conference in June of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations, and also the Primary Association. That great celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the organisation of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association was one of the grandest that we have ever had. It was a marvelous outpouring of the youth of Israel upon the streets of this, the central city of Zion. The parade was an honour to the Mutual Improvement Associations and a credit to the Church. I believe that special credit for that parade was due to the insistence of Junius F. Wells, the man called originally by Brigham Young to organise the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association. For the very

splendid and orderly way in which it was conducted, credit is due to Governor Mabey and to each and every one of those on the committees. Credit is also due to the various people who took part in speaking, singing or giving orations, or in supervising the various contests, musicial or otherwise, at the conference. My heart was filled with gratitude and thanksgiving to know that we have to-day one hundred thousand young men and young women in these Improvement Associations interested in labouring with zeal and energy for the advancement of the work of God.

WONDERFUL GROWTH

I had the pleasure of being present at a celebration in connection with the great dam that is to be erected at American Falls, where millions of money will be expended and a vast empire redeemed through ntilising the waters of the Snake River. It was also a pleasure later to attend the Burley Stake Conference. Saturday evening I held a meeting at Oakley at which thirty odd per cent of the people of Cassia Stake were in attendance. I first visited that section of the country forty-four years ago this fall, when it was only a branch of the Grantsville Ward of the Tooele Stake of Zion, numbering perhaps a hundred and fifty to two hundred and fifty Latter-day Saints. There are now in that section of the country a number of stakes of Zion, among them the Twin Falls Stake. The city of Twin Falls has over eight thousand inhabitants. None of our people were located there at that time, but I rejoice in the wonderful growth of our people and others in redeeming that section of the country.

I was requested to go to Pocatello and dedicate an amusement hall—a fine large building. I thought back to the time when I first went there and met with just a handful of Latter-day Saints in a little rented hall, and when I contemplated the fact that there are now six organised wards of the Church at Pocatello, and thought of the wonderful growth of Latter-day Saints in that section, I rejoiced in the material and spiritual advancement of the people there.

SCENIC WONDERS

I was requested to send a speaker to hold a meeting at the west entrance of the Yellowstone National Park the Sunday evening that I was at Pocatello. I made several efforts to secure a speaker to go there but all those to whom I applied were engaged so I decided to drive from Pocatello myself, Sunday afternoon, and attend the meeting at West Yellowstone. The next day and the day following I had the privilege of going through the Yellowstone Park, and then driving down to Driggs, where I held a meeting Tuesday night. Yellowstone Park can be reached from here in a night's ride on the train, and the scenery there is among the grandest in all the world.

Upon my return home, Thursday, I found an invitation from my son-in-law to climb Timpanogos the following Saturday, which I did. From the top of that mountain, the view of Wasatch, Utah, and Salt Lake Counties, the cities therein, and other sections of the country in the distance, is one of the grandest that my eyes have ever beheld.

The following Sunday night I left for the scenic wonders of southern Utah, reaching Cedar, Monday morning, with President Ivins and wife, Sister Grant and my niece. We visited Cedar Breaks and Zion Canyon, and the next day went to the Grand Canyon or at least to the V. T. ranch in the Kaibab Forest. We saw between two hundred and three hundred deer that afternoon as we were traveling to this ranch. The next day we visited Point Sublime and saw the Colorado River and that wonderful gorge in which you could drop about one hundred Grand Canyons of the Yellowstone. It is twelve miles wide and one mile deep as compared with the gorge thirteen hundred feet deep and two thousand feet wide at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. It is a sight that beggars all description. It is a marvel; it is a wonder! We drove that afternoon to Kanab and in the evening held a meeting with the Saints. I rejoice in the fine meeting house that they have erected there.

VISITING WITH THE SAINTS

The next day we visited Bryce's Canyon, and I was more charmed with it than the first time I visited this, one of the scenic wonders of the world. The next morning, Friday, September 11th, I parted with Brother Ivins, he returning to Salt Lake by way of Fish Lake, and I returned to Cedar City via Cedar Breaks, and I was present in the afternoon at the opening of the bridge over Ash Creek, which connects with the Black Ridge. I had the privilege of traveling over the road fifty-nine years ago, when the wagon in which I was riding jumped from one black rock to another, seldom finding any ground to light upon. On that old route which was selected by the pioneers who first went into St. George there is now, over the Black Ridge, one of the finest dirt roads that I have ever had the privilege of motoring over. It is a real delight to travel upon it. The bridge over Ash Creek is certainly a very creditable structure indeed.

In my travels from Scandinavia to Italy, from Canada to Mexico, in Hawaii and in Japan, I have witnessed many wonderful scenes; but if they were rolled in together they would not compare with the Yellowstone and these wonderful sights in southern Utah—Bryce's Canyon, Cedar Breaks, Zion Canyon and the scenic points from the north rim of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

Saturday and Sunday following the opening of the bridge over Ash Creek I attended the Parowan Stake Conference and enjoyed

visiting there with the Saints and taking part in one of the conferences of the auxiliary associations.

INCREASE IN FAITH

I rejoice in the wonderful growth in all the stakes of Zion from Canada on the north to Mexico on the south, and in the increase of interest and faith on the part of the Saints throughout the world. I rejoice that there is a cry for more missionaries, from all parts of the world. The one great mission of the Latter-day Saints at home and abroad, is to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, to preach the individuality and personality of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to preach the restoration again to the earth of the plan of life and salvation. There is nothing that qualifies a man so much for preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as to study the revelations that the Lord has seen fit to give to us in our day. In one of them He says:

"For verily the voice of the Lord is unto all men, and there is none to escape; and there is no eye that shall not see, neither ear that shall not hear, neither heart that shall not be penetrated. . . .

"Search these commandments, for they are true and faithful, and the prophecies and promises which are in them shall all be fulfilled.

"What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself; and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same. . . .

"Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day. . . .

"And now, verily, verily, I say unto thee, put your trust in that Spirit which leadeth to do good—yea, to do justly, to walk humbly, to judge righteously; and this is my Spirit.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, I will impart unto you of my Spirit, which shall enlighten your mind, which shall fill your soul with joy. . . .

"Seek not for riches but for wisdom; and, behold, the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto you, and then shall you be made rich. Behold, he that hath eternal life is rich.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, even as you desire of me so it shall be done unto you; and, if you desire, you shall be the means of doing much good in this generation. . . .

"Behold, I speak unto all who have good desires, and have thrust in their sickle to reap.

"Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I am the life and the light of the world. . . .

"Say nothing but repentance unto this generation. Keep my commandments, and assist to bring forth my work, according to my commandments, and you shall be blessed."

ONE PASSAGE ESPECIALLY

This last revelation from which I have read was given to Hyrum Smith, the brother of the Prophet Joseph Smith. He

was martyred with Joseph Smith, as you all know, in Carthage jail.

I wish to emphasise one passage in this revelation.

"Behold, I speak unto all who have good desires, and have thrust in their sickle to reap."

So that it applies to you, to me and to all the Latter-day Saints. The central thought in this revelation is that we are to keep the commandments of God. It is reiterated in this one revelation some three or four or five times, that the duty was upon Hyrum Smith to keep the commandments of God and to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The previous revelation from which I quoted was given to the father of the prophet. I will repeat the words of that part of it, as I did before, and I wish to emphasise it with all my heart:

"Behold, a marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men." (As I look at this marvelous audience and think of the people on the outside, who are hearing what I say, as well as the audiences in Barratt Hall and the Assembly Hall, surely I can say that this revelation, given to the father of the prophet and the patriarch, has been literally fulfilled).

"Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

MY LITTLE SPAN

So little done and oh so much to do!
The world so scarred with strife and I so frail—
I fold my hands and sit me down and dream
Of project rare and regal plan and scheme,
That, had I but dominion should not fail.

I would be wise and righteous and benign;
And error's boast should wither in my scorn,
Bruised, fainting—men should know my charity,
The world be warmed in my magnanimity,
Had I perchance for leadership been born!

I would be just—ah me! that longings vain
Should rack my peace and buffet every plan,
To sigh for might and sovereignty—
Lo, I who teem with fault and frailty,
Nor fill too well my own cramped little span.

I would be liege, I would dominion know,
And sow the world's stained acreage with good,
Lo, I who fail and scarce can find the way
To rule the little strifes of every day,
Whose wraths and wiles accost my fortitude!

BERTHA A. KLEINMAN

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EDITORIAL

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

As every Latter-day Saint knows, or should know, the Auxiliary Organisations are essential parts of our Church system. True it is that the word "auxiliary" expresses the thought of that which is secondary or subsidiary; but even so, such may be of great importance, and, indeed, actually indispensable to completeness. In the Church the organisations so named are necessary. They are helps in the great work for the accomplishment of which the Holy Priesthood has been given: "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

Among our Church auxiliaries the Sunday School ranks high, in the numerical strength of its vast membership, in the wide range of ages embraced therein, in its highly systematised courses of instruction and training, and in the demonstrated efficiency of its operation. Its history is one of steady growth and vital development.

The Sunday morning session of every district conference held in these Missions is a cause of admiration and wonder to the observant visitor who witnesses such for the first time, as also a source of encouragement and satisfaction to members. That is distinctively the Sunday School session of conference, covering the period ordinarily devoted to the regular Sunday School, but on the conference day given up to a program of exercises for which particular preparation has been made. The good effect of special observances, such as days of outstanding importance, is generally recognised in all concerted activities.

With wise forethought the General Sunday School Board recommends the setting apart of one Sabbath in the year as Sunday School Day, for which every necessary effort shall be made to secure the greatest possible attendance of all members of the Church at Sunday School. The slogan for the day, the rallying call of the great occasion, is Everybody in Sunday School.

The day to be so celebrated this year in all Branches within the British Mission is Sunday, November 22.

It is desired that the preparation of an appropriate program for

that day shall be commenced as early as possible. The subject or topic to be treated may be determined for each school by the Superintendency, with the approval and cooperation of the Branch Presidency. Conference Presidents are requested to give such suggestions, counsel, and personal help as shall be best adapted to the needs of the several Branches, and to see that in every Sunday School within their respective jurisdiction the day is fittingly observed.

Every family concerned, whether of Church members, investigators, or other friends, should be specifically notified, by personal calls and other suitable methods, concerning the plans for the day.

EVERYBODY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 22.

TO SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

MANY USEFUL SUGGESTIONS for the observance of our approaching Sunday School Day, November 22, will be found in the October issue of the *Juvenile Instructor*. It is understood that every Sunday School in the British Mission is provided with this excellent magazine, which is devoted especially to the interests of the great organisation. Attractive methods of advertising the occasion, and many helps in otherwise making of the day the success it ought to be are presented in the issue named, and particular attention to its contents is urged. Remember, please:

EVERYBODY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 22.

CONFERENCE IN AMSTERDAM

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH and Missionaries residing and labouring in and near Amsterdam, Holland, were given great cause for rejoicing by the attendance of Elder James E. Talmage, President of the European Missions, Sister May Booth Talmage, President of the Relief Societies of the European Missions, and their son, John, at the conference held at Amsterdam, September 26th to 28th. President Charles S. Hyde and Sister Lanora S. Hyde were also in attendance. Many members and friends had travelled long distances by railway and automobile to attend and take part in the meetings.

Saturday evening the first meeting was held, in which reports of the work done by the local Priesthood of the district and the Relief Society organisations of the Amsterdam and Den Helder Branches were given. Exceptional progress was also reported in the Sunday School and Mutual Improvement work in the Den Helder, Alkmaar, and Amsterdam Branches.

Sunday morning at a special Sunday School session the hall at

Weteringschans 101 was filled to capacity. The excellent program given gave evidence of careful and complete preparation. At the conclusion of the program Brother John Talmage gave an instructive and inspirational talk on the need for each member of the Church to have a testimony of the truth of the Gospel. President Talmage encouraged the children to serve God in their childhood as the Prophet Samuel had done; and explained to the adults that they should remain as children—childlike but not childish.

During the afternoon session, addresses were given by Elders Peter Noorda and Gerard Doozie. Sister Hyde, President of the Relief Societies of the Netherlands Mission, then spoke on the subject, "Have I Done Any Good in the World To-day", and was followed by Sister Talmage who bore testimony of the joy gained in doing the work of the Lord. President Charles S. Hyde then explained that much of the responsibility of bringing up the children in the paths of righteousness is placed upon the mothers; but in this work the mothers should receive the whole-hearted support of the fathers. He declared that one of the greatest of Gospel teachings is that love and co-operation should prevail in the home.

At the evening session, which was held in the hall "Frascati", there were five hundred members and friends present. President Ernest Landwaard of the Groningen Conference called attention to the fact that we are now living in the last days, and that as in the days of Noah even now men are being warned by destructions and pestilences. President T. Edgar Lyon of the Utrecht Conference showed that advancement is made possible only by living the Gospel, and that God became what He is by obedience to the same commandments that we should now obey. President John D. Kooyman of the Rotterdam Conference reiterated the responsibilities we have as members of the Church of Jesus Christ. He declared that freedom comes only through obedience to law, whether secular or religious, and said that through obedience we could each gain a testimony of the truth.

President Talmage testified of the restoration of the Gospel, and showed the need for reintroducing the Gospel plan in these days. He showed that the Gospel is something more than is generally supposed and that to administer its ordinances one must be divinely commissioned. Men may form churches and call them what they will, but they will have merely a form of godliness without the power. He declared that the missionaries of this Church come into the world with an important message, warning the people to repent and call upon the Lord in righteousness. He urged the members of the Church to retain the forgiveness of sins by obeying the commandments given by the Lord, and advised those who had not yet accepted the Gospel to seek the Lord in prayer and in faith and obey His commandments and thereby win the blessings of salvation.

On Monday a meeting of the missionaries was held in which reports were given by all of the Traveling Elders present. Words of commendation and instruction were then given by Presidents Talmage and Hyde.

PERRIS S. JENSEN, Mission Secretary

THE FREE STATE CONFERENCE

THE FALL CONFERENCE of the Free State District was held in Dublin, Sunday, October 11th. There were in attendance Mission President James E. Talmage, Elder Howard Cook of the Liverpool Office, Elder Carl E. Pettersson, formerly President of the London Conference, Elders Ellis L. Rees and William W. Burt of the Ulster Conference, President Benjamin R. Birchall and all the Elders of the Free State Conference. Three general sessions were held and also a special meeting of the missionaries. Musical selections were given during the day by Sisters Berthy Benlah, Gertrude Horlacher and Ena Birchall.

In the morning session the Sunday School children presented a program on the theme "Love", in which it was shown that we should have the same love for God that He manifested for us by sending His Son into the world to redeem us from our sins. Elder Cook explained that by attendance at Sunday School and obedience to God's commandments, especially the Word of Wisdom, boys and girls would become strong men and women—physically and spiritually.

President Talmage said that God loves His children and gives to them only those laws which are for their growth and advancement. He recounted incidents from his trip on the continent where he and Sister Talmage had visited several of the Sunday Schools of the Church. President Birchall emphasised the love that God has shown for mankind, and said that "Mormonism" offers to mankind all that is needed to gain eternal life.

Addresses were also given during the conference by President Pettersson and Elders Ellis L. Rees, William W. Burt, Daniel A. Thompson and John H. Smeath.

In the afternoon session President Talmage spoke on "Worship", which, he said, implied worthiness on the part of the being worshipped, and that to be true it must be sincere. He explained the nature of the God we worship, and said that this knowledge brings unity and love into the Church.

In the evening session Elder Cook explained that although the truths contained in the Bible are accepted, when considered in a non-religious way, yet they are rejected by many to-day when they are presented as Scripture written under the inspiration of God.

The principal address of the Conference was delivered by Presi-

dent Talmage in the evening session. He stated that many men disbelieve in God because they can not understand all about Him. Yet men know very little about many things which they use and enjoy and yet do not question their reality. Do not reject the Gospel because you can not explain all its principles. We know it is beneficial to men so we should live in accordance with its teachings. President Talmage stated that obedience to the Gospel brings invaluable blessings.

JOHN H. SMEATH, Conference Clerk

NINETY-SIXTH SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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THE ATTITUDE OF THE CHURCH regarding fundamentalism and modernism was among the principal subjects treated in the second session of the General Conference in the Tabernacle.

PRESIDENT ANTHONY W. IVINS stressed the need of Divine assistance given through the spirit of prophecy, and declared that never in any other age of the world had the word of the Lord been so much needed as to-day. Differences of opinion exist as to religion, he said, which threaten to bring chaos into the world. He pointed out that because a person declares himself to be a fundamentalist or a modernist, he does not prove himself to be either right or wrong. Truth, said President Ivins, remains the same. That which has been revealed from heaven can not be denied.

With respect to the attitude of the Church on this question the speaker said that the Church of Jesus Christ is based on faith in an Eternal Father existing as a living person, and that man is created in the image of God; belief that Jesus is the Son of God and the Only Begotten of the Father in the flesh; that through the atonement wrought by Him all men will be redeemed; and that by living the laws taught by Jesus man may be relieved of personal sin and brought back into the presence of God. President Ivins explained that the Holy Ghost is a comforter to those in distress and a guide to those in doubt—in fact the Spirit of knowledge, which is the glory of God.

In the sense that these things are fundamental doctrines of the Church, he said, Latter-day Saints are fundamentalists.

On the other hand, he continued, if evolution consists of the belief that this life is not the beginning of the existence of men or death the end; that the earth is constantly changing and shall be restored to its paradisiacal glory; that many hidden treasures of knowledge are yet to be revealed and that man is to go on forever in intelligent progression—then Latter-day Saints are evolutionists. But if to be in harmony with modern thought meant to renounce faith in Jesus as the Son of God and to deny

other truths that have come through revelation, then the Church dissociates itself from modernism.

In closing, President Ivins pleaded with Church members to be steadfast in their faith, declaring that no truth will be discovered by science that will conflict with the word of God.

Continuing the same thought, Elder George Albert Smith, of the Council of the Twelve, called attention to the fact that in the beginning of the world things were first created spiritually, and then temporally. He supported this fact by reading at length from the Book of Abraham in the Pearl of Great Price, and also from the first two chapters of Genesis.

Elder Smith referred to the Scopes evolution trial in the State of Tennessee, and said that in the course of that trial one learned man was shown to be unable to answer the question of the creation as explained in the Bible, because, as he admitted, he had not read carefully those chapters of Genesis.

The speaker said he was grateful that there was no doubt in his mind as to the origin of man, for he knew that God is our ancestor and that all men lived in the spirit state before they came to earth. He said he was also grateful for the knowledge that man may attain eternal life and the eternal companionship of those he loves by doing the will of God.

It is the duty of the Latter-day Saints, declared the speaker, to proclaim these truths to the people of the world, so they too may receive the blessings which come from living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Elder George F. Richards, of the Council of the Twelve, said he was not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for he knew it was the plan of salvation unto eternal life. He declared that all Latter-day Saints are bound together by a common faith. A true Latter-day Saint, he continued, has the courage of his convictions and realises that if called on he must give all that he possesses for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

The Church as a whole, said Elder Richards, is progressing; some members are indifferent, but the effort is ever being made to bring all to a unity of the faith. If we are ashamed of God, he added, God will be ashamed of us.

The speaker said that if we do not love our fellow men, then we do not truly love the Lord; and if we do not love God then we can have no faith, without which salvation can not be attained. Many, he said, who think they have the necessary faith but do not manifest any love for their fellows, will, in the future, be greatly disappointed.

Elder Richards bore solemn testimony, as a special witness, that Jesus is the Christ, the Only Begotten Son of the Father in the flesh, and that there must be obedience to His Gospel if we would attain eternal life.

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THE NORWICH CONFERENCE

On Sunday, October 19th, the Fall Conference of the Norwich District was held in the recently acquired chapel at 60, Park Lane, Norwich. In attendance were Mission President James E. Talmage, Sister May Booth Talmage, President of the Relief Societies of the European Missions, Elders Junius S. Romney and Z. Vernon Derrick of the Liverpool Office, Elder Leland N. Wight of the Birmingham Conference, Elder George O. Gee of the London Conference, President Ralph C. Jones and all the Traveling Elders of the Norwich Conference. Appropriate musical numbers were given during the conference by Sister Violet Shepherd and Elders Walter F. Whitehead and Raymond Murphy.

"Successive Gospel Dispensations" was the theme treated in the morning session by the members of the Sunday Schools. President Talmage explained the meaning of a "dispensation", and told briefly of God's dealings with men in both ancient and modern times.

In the afternoon session the new chapel was dedicated. An account of the proceedings during this meeting was published in the issue of October 29th.

Elder Derrick, in the evening session, said we should render service because of the love of it rather than for praise. He cited the service rendered by the Saviour, Joseph Smith and our mothers, as worthy examples to follow. Elder Romney said that people in all ages have honoured the dead prophets and rejected the living. Many do not understand the importance of the mission of Joseph Smith because he lived in time too near to them. Sister Talmage stressed the significance of this year's slogan of the Mutual Improvement Associations: "We stand for an individual testimony of the divinity of Jesus Christ." Elder Leland N. Wight, newly appointed President of the Norwich Conference, to succeed President Ralph C. Jones who has been honourably released, stated that if we love God as we should we will intuitively keep His commandments. President Jones expressed his joy in having ministered among the people of the Conference and bore testimony of the satisfaction found in teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

President Talmage spoke on the meaning of "Worship." He emphasised the fact that all men should have freedom in worship and speech in so far as they do not interfere with the rights of others. He explained the harmfulness of narrow religious conceptions, such as lead to persecution and intolerance.

Walter F. Whitehead, Conference Clerk

The law of progress is the law of sacrificing a present gain for a larger gain that lies beyond.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Missionary Meetings—Of the Hull Conference in Hull on October 16th, at which encouraging reports were given by the Missionaries of the work being done by the resident members of the Church.

On October 19th the Mission President met with the Missionaries of the Norwich Conference at Norwich. Many valuable suggestions were given to help in the work.

Socials—A farewell social was held in the Rochdale Branch (Manchester Conference) on October 14th in honour of Brother and Sister Frank Kelsh who are emigrating to America.

A social was held at the home of Brother Charles Harper at Tipton (Birmingham Conference) on October 12th.

Harvest Festivals—In the Hyde Branch (Manchester Conference) on October 11th and 12th.

In the Bradford, Halifax and Leeds Branches (Leeds Conference) on October 4th.

In the Pudsey and Clayton Branches (Leeds Conference) on October 11th.

In the Rochdale Branch (Manchester Conference) on October 18th.

Baptisms—On October 8th a baptismal service was held in Manchester. One candidate was baptised by Elder John H. Holden and confirmed by Elder C. Leland Davey. Elder Davey gave a talk on "The Necessity of Baptism."

A baptismal service was held in Norwich on October 18th at which five candidates were baptised by Elder Ben E. Summers and confirmed by President James E. Talmage and Elders Rulon L. Russon, Harold L. White, Clifford D. Gough and Dean A. Barker. Elder Walter F. Whitehead gave a talk on "Baptism" and Elder Maurice R. Barnes spoke on "The Holy Ghost."

Arrivals and Appointments—The following Missionaries arrived in Liverpool, Saturday, October 24th, per s.s. *Montcalm*, and have been thus assigned:

For the British Mission—David L. Anderson, Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Free State Conference; Wallace D. Yardley, Beaver, Utah, to the Nottingham Conference.

For the Netherlands Mission—Ray J. Hutchinson, Salt Lake City, Utah.

For the Swiss-German Mission—John H. Bauer, Eureka, Utah; Glenwood Froyd, Cedar City, Utah; Stuart A. Gallacher, Salt Lake City, Utah; Max Hafen, Santa Clara, Utah; Loran Hirschi, Rockville, Utah; Lamar Lontensock, Magna, Utah; Julius Miller, Salt Lake City, Utah; Raymond C. Solomon, Salt Lake City, Utah; Ernest Stuchi, Santa Clara, Utah.

The Missionaries named below arrived Friday, October 30th, per s.s. *Montclare*, and have been assigned as follows:

For the British Mission—Moroni B. Langford, Cedar City, Utah, to the Sheffield Conference; Gordon P. Owen, Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Newcastle Conference.

For the French Mission—F. Clark Sanford, Salt Lake City, Utah; William Rulon Shaw, Ogden, Utah.

For the German-Austrian Mission—Vasco Leon Burnham, Salt Lake City, Utah; Darrell Waldo Crockett, Logan, Utah; Martin Elmer Christensen, Murray, Utah; David William Cook, Logan, Utah; Russell Garr Cranney, Logan, Utah; Leland Robinson Rowsell, Salt Lake City, Utah; Eugene Leon C. Smith, Thornton, Idaho; Wayne D. Cannon, Salt Lake City, Utah; Gordon B. Summerhays, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Branch Conferences—Of the Pudsey Branch (Leeds Conference) on October 4th. The theme of the Sunday School session was "The Neeessity of Prayer." The speakers were President Ernest J. Johnson, Sister Maud E. Johnson, and Elders Ellis A. Hipwell, John N. Fraser and Don J. Thurgood.

Of the West Hartlepool Branch (Newcastle Conferenee) on October 11th. President James M. Armstrong and Elders Floyd C. Stuart and Lathael L. Fryer were the speakers.

Of the Handsworth Branch (Birmingham Conferenee) on October 11th. The theme of the program in the Sunday School session was "Service."

Of the Leeds Branch on October 11th. The theme treated in the morning session was "The Life of Joseph Smith." President Ernest J. Johnson, Sister Maud E. Johnson, and Elders Don J. Thurgood and A. Don Batty were the speakers.

DEATH

DAVIES—News has been received from Salt Lake City of the death of Sister Elizabeth Davies, which occurred on August 30th. Before emigrating to America Sister Davies was an active member of the Manchester Conference.

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